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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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## Howard County Police Pace to Raise Money for Children of Fallen Heroes

What: Howard County Police Pace

When: Sunday, Sept. 21 at 9 a.m.

Where: Centennial Park

Route 108, Columbia, Md.

The Howard County Police Department will host the 12th annual "Howard County Police Pace" 5K Race and 1 Mile Walk/Run at Centennial Park on Sept. 21.

Proceeds from the event, which is sponsored by the Howard County Police Foundation, benefit a number of charitable initiatives, including a college scholarship program to honor officers who have given their lives in the line of duty in Howard County. The scholarship program ensures that the children of fallen guardians can receive a good education.

The Foundation also sponsors educational scholarships and awards one to a Howard County high school senior planning a college curriculum in Criminal Justice and one to the child of a Howard County Police Department employee. In addition, the Foundation offers support services to officers and their families whenever tragedy strikes.

The race will conclude with a ceremony at which more than 50 runners will receive performance awards. Food at the event for all registered participants will be provided courtesy of Outback Steakhouse, the event's Official Hospitality Host.

Participants will have the opportunity to win raffle prizes, including a mountain bike courtesy of Princeton Sports and Travel, overnight hotel stays, free dinners, golf outings and more.

The event also will include a children's entertainment area and displays of Howard County police equipment, including the police helicopter, police cars, police motorcycles, K-9 and S.W.A.T. team.